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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY OF ABD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION IN BELVIDERE

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and DUANE E. WIRTH, Boone County Sheriff, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **ANDY SERRELL CARTER**, 29 (DOB: 4/18/76), of Rockford, Illinois, to 24 years in federal prison without parole for the robbery of ABD Federal Credit Union, 3204 Business Route 20, Belvidere, Illinois, on April 21, 2004, and for using a firearm during that robbery. Carter was also ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following his release from prison, and to pay full restitution.

On March 9, 2005, Carter pleaded guilty and admitted that on April 20, 2004, he and another man made plans to rob ABD Federal Credit Union using guns. According to the plea agreement, on the morning of April 21, 2004, the two men drove to the bank. Carter admitted that he walked into the bank, approached the teller counter, and said to the teller “you know what time it is.” Carter then jumped over the counter, grabbing the teller by the neck. Carter took money from the teller’s cash drawer and the vault while the teller was held at gun point. Carter then fled the bank.

Carter was arrested on June 13, 2004, and has been held in custody since that time.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Boone County Sheriff’s Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Monica V. Mallory.

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